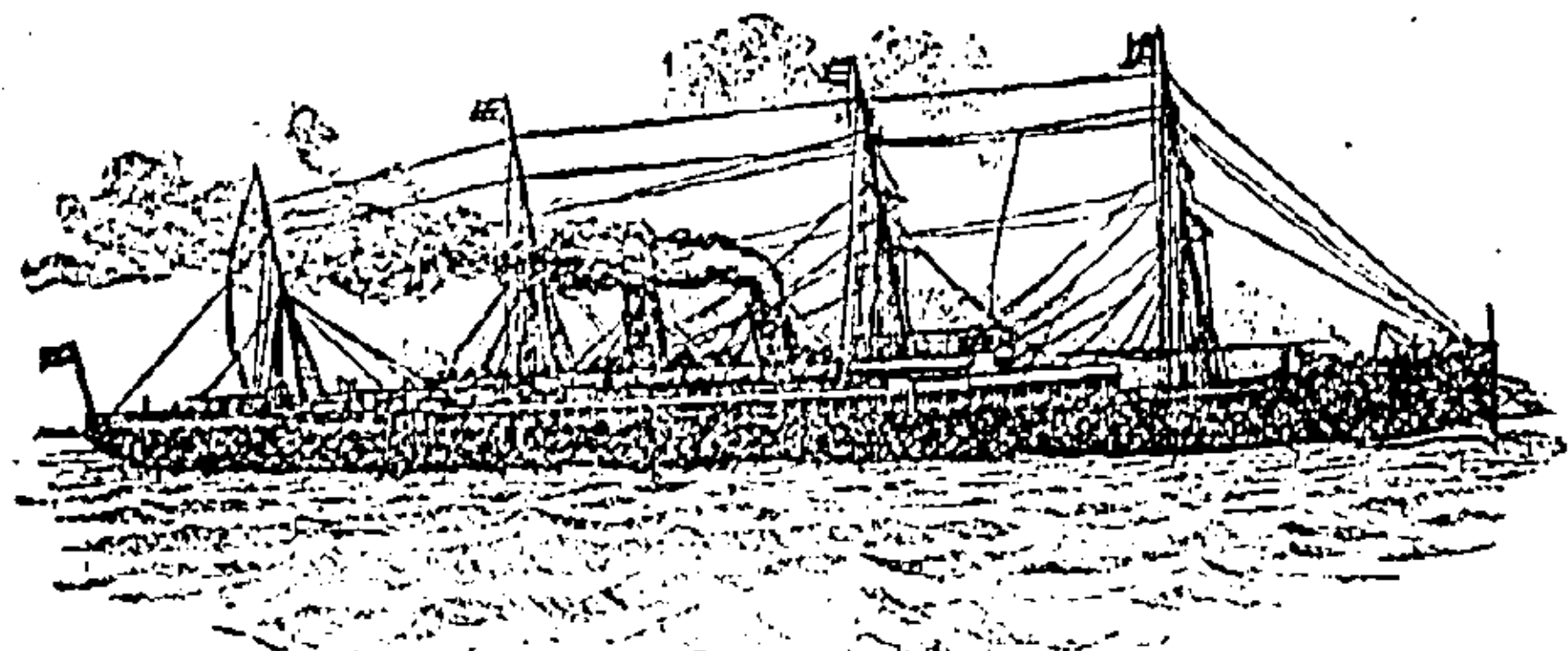


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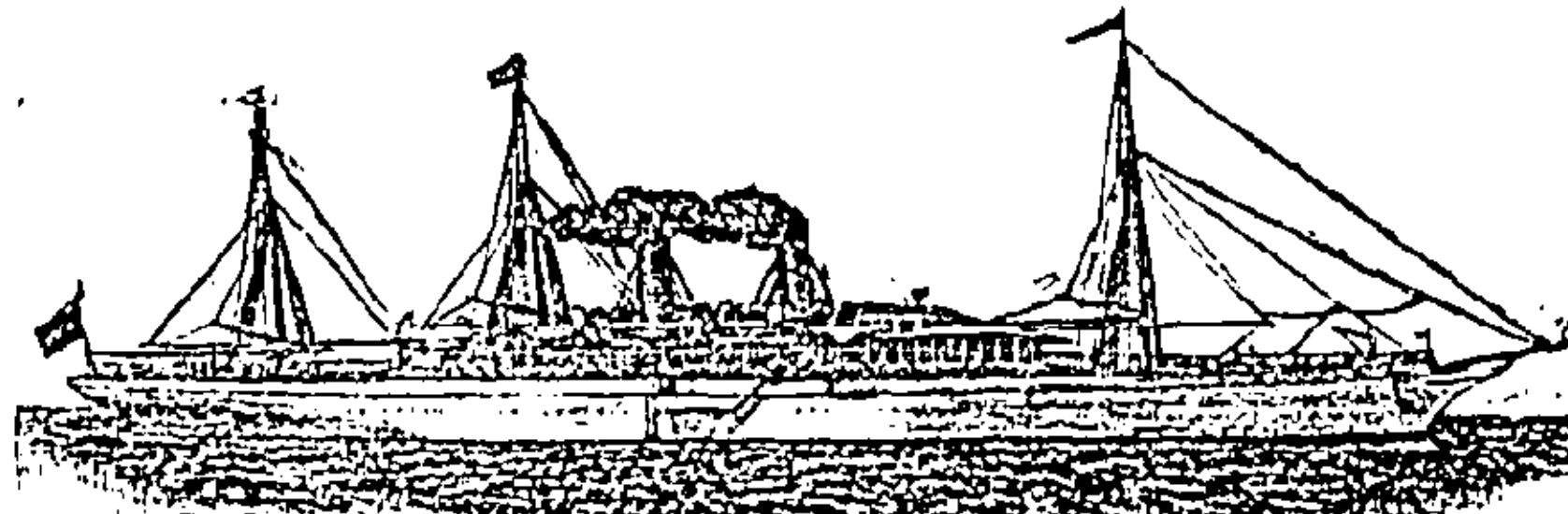
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Hongkong, 4th August, 1902. [816d]

Intimations.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

PROGRAMME FOR THE
1902 MEETING.

- FIRST DAY.
1. Wong Nei Cheong Stakes, Five Furlongs, Hongkong Waters.
 2. Valley Stakes, 1 Mile, China Griffins.
 3. Maiden Stakes, 1 Mile, Water Griffins.
 4. Victoria Stakes, One Mile, China Ponies.
 5. Foochow Cup, 2-mile post once round and in, Open Waters.
 6. Derby, One and a half Miles, Water Griffins.
 7. Lusitano Cup, One Mile, China Griffins.
 8. Club Cup, One and a half Miles, China Ponies.
 9. Encouragement Stakes, One Mile, Water Griffins.
 10. Chinese Club Cup, Once round, China Griffins.

SECOND DAY.

1. Flyaway Stakes, Seven Furlongs, Water Griffins.
2. Exchange Plate, 1 Mile, China Ponies.
3. Professional Cup, One and a half Miles, Open Waters.
4. German Cup, One Mile and a quarter, China Griffins.
5. Garrison Cup, One Mile, Water Griffins.
6. Jockey Cup, One Mile, China Griffins.
7. Great Southern Stakes, 2-mile post once round and in, China Ponies.
8. Navy Cup, Waters, One Mile and a quarter, China Griffins.
9. Hongkong Stakes, One Mile and a half, China Griffins.
10. Tai Yeak Fong Cup, Once round, China Ponies.

THIRD DAY.

1. Spring Stakes, 2-mile post once round and in, China Griffins.
2. Grand Stand Stakes, One Mile and a quarter, Water Griffins.
3. Challenge Cup, One Mile and three quarters, China Ponies.
4. Ladies' Purse, One Mile, Hongkong Waters.
5. Blake Challenge Cup, One Mile, China Griffins.
6. The Parsee Cup, One Mile, China Ponies.
7. Phaeton Stakes, 1 Mile, Water Griffins.
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A. S. ANTON,
Acting Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 23rd August, 1902. [886d]

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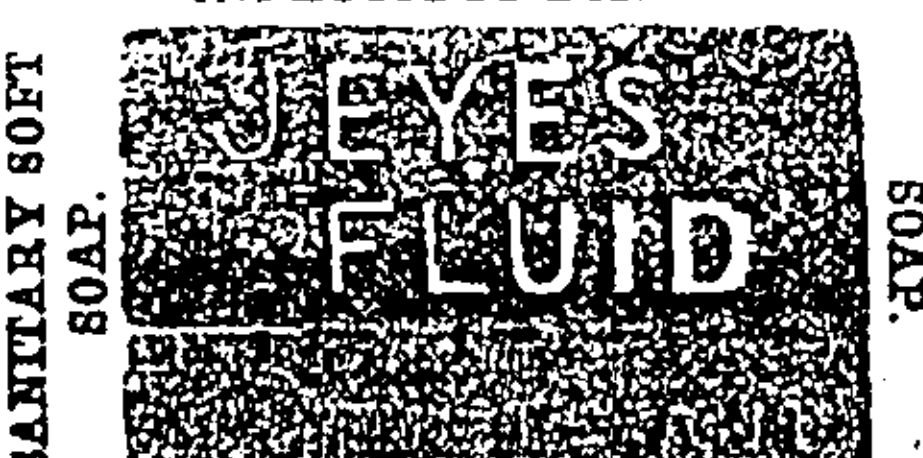
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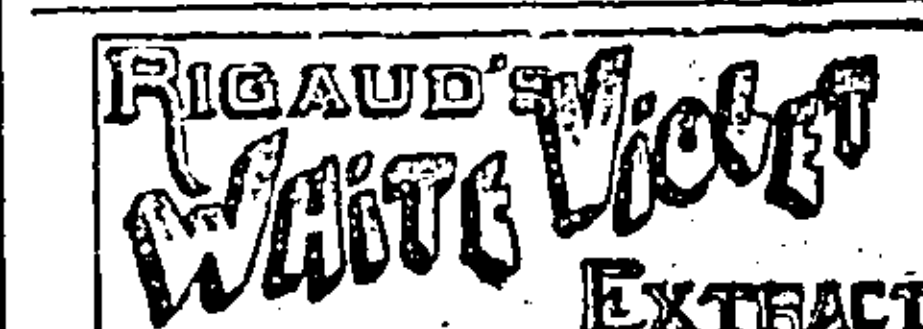
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OUR LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

THE CORONATION.

LONDON, July 24th.

Once again we are spurring our somewhat jaded enthusiasm to the proper contemplation of flags and bunting, the consideration of processions, fireworks and other delights. Undoubtedly, the Coronation festivities will be of a subdued character in view of the fact that the numbers attending it will be much smaller in August than they would have been in June, and also because the public spirit has been so effectively damped by the financial loss, and the grave anxiety which accompanied the postponement. Still it may safely be promised that the King will receive a very warm welcome from his people, whatever else may be lacking in the coming pageant. The Court leaves Cowes three days before the ceremony in order that the convalescent may rest before the ceremony for at least 24 hours. The service itself will only be curtailed by half an hour; the Litany and Sermon being omitted for that purpose. As far as possible the musical portions will also be made to overlap actual ceremonial instead of as originally arranged following one after the other.

WEATHER.

The extraordinary weather exemplified by a temperature which this week has varied from 87°, highest reading on Saturday, to 52° highest on Tuesday in combination with the absence of the King has been responsible for a considerable flight of the gay world from London. Fashionable folk are making an early summer holiday, in order to return to town for Coronation week prior to escaping to Scotland for the 12th. Grouse prospects are by no means smiling, though rents are unusually high. The bitter spring weather completely killed off the early hatchlings and the late birds are neither very strong nor very numerous. So many Americans are taking moors this autumn, however, that from owner's point of view it is likely to be an exceptionally fine season.

OIL FUEL FOR THE NAVY.

are now in full progress. Nominally, the Admiralty is keeping the tests quite secret, but practically anybody who takes a little trouble can find out what is going on. The authorities apparently count—not altogether without reason—on the indifference of the average Englishman to all matters outside his immediate ken. The net result up to the present time is in favour of oil all along the line. The Committee state that it proves cheaper, takes less storage room, can be replaced three times as quickly as coal, is easier to handle and less wearing to the boilers, and finally that one oil stoker can take the place of a large coal staff. Dr. Dvorkovitz the great petroleum expert puts the proportion of stokers as one to a hundred. It is quite possible that one or two of our larger ships may shortly be fitted with temporary oil boilers by way of experiment.

It is rumoured that the Duke of Connaught may take over

THE VICEROYALTY OF IRELAND.

vacant by the resignation of Lord Cadogan. In political and fashionable Irish circles, the suggestion is received with enthusiasm, but it is scouted among military men who firmly believe and desire that the Duke will succeed to the Commandership in Chief early next year. Between these conflicting opinions I am unable to arrive at the truth, but should H.R.H. be offered the Irish appointment it will effectively close the voice of rumour with regard to Pall Mall. This one point aside the only objection to the Duke's Viceroyalty would appear to be the possibility of a conflict between Dublin Castle and the Irish agrarians respecting the United Irish League, or other like bodies, a conflict into which it would be most undesirable to introduce a member of the Royal Family.

DEATH OF MR. FORREST.

Old China folk will regret to learn that Mr. Forrest, formerly of the Customs, died at his residence in Westminster a few days ago. It is nearly twenty-five years since Mr. Forrest left the East, but he has always kept up his interest in matters and persons Anglo-Chinese. He has been in failing health for over a year and I thought him looking frightfully ill when last we met at the house of another China man—Mr. F. S. Mackintosh—some ten days ago, but the end was quite sudden, as the doctors had foretold. Heart failure is certified as the immediate cause.

SHIPPING COMBINE.

The Shipping Combine seems in a fair way to break down altogether, American capitalists disturbed at the outbreak of feeling in this country at the signs of Government activity and the obvious intention of English shippers to embark upon retaliatory competitive measures, are proving slow in advancing the price for which Mr. Morgan contracted to purchase the White Star Line, a price it must be remembered greatly in excess of the estimated value. Mr. Morgan has already asked for an extension of time in which to find the necessary money, and it is now at least possible that Britannia may yet be left in proud control of the Atlantic waves.

Messrs. Houston's arrangements for the S. African shipping trade are also before the eyes of the commercial world this week. The Liverpool firm is making a bold bid against the "big" or Conference steamers which embrace the Union, Clan, Elmer, and Bucknall lines, and whatever the ultimate result may be, it seems certain that the public will score, the American companies have already lowered freight one shilling per ton and whether Messrs. Houston's threat of still further cutting the rates is put

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into execution or not, this reduction will remain permanently in force.

The despatch of

A JUDICIAL COMMISSION.

to inquire into and mitigate the sentences passed on the Cape rebels, which was gazetted yesterday is a signal act of clemency of which no hint was given in the negotiations. The Lord Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Bigham, and Gen. Sir John Ardagh form a trio of impartial experts which it would be difficult to better, and great satisfaction is expressed on all sides at this new proof of His Majesty's determination to bridge over as far as possible the chasms which have divided Briton and Boer.

The reduction of the interest allowed to depositors in the P. O. Savings Bank, while very much to be regretted as apparently discouraging thrift in small savers, is really the logical sequence to the reduction in Consols and one Government Stock and points to a plethora of capital in this country which is not without value as a criticism on the cry of our Continental friends that this country is entering on her commercial as well as her political decadence.

THE BLUE FUNNEL LINE, AND SHIPPING SUBSIDIES.

Messrs. Alfred Holt and Co. write as follows to *The Times* with that practical hard-headedness which has probably been the main factor in bringing the Blue Funnel line to its present prosperous condition:—

It is greatly to be hoped that shipowners will not be tempted to barter their birthright of free trade for a chance in a scramble for a mess of pottage in the shape of subsidies. The mercantile marine has been built up by, and depends upon, the free trade system; and though, no doubt, shipowners who advocate shipping subsidies do not propose similarly to help by protection other harassed industries, it would prove impossible to confine protection to a single trade. "I am in favour of free trade," Mr. Cobden, in everything except herrings," said the herring dealer; but, unless the principle be rigidly adhered to of not dipping into the taxpayer's pocket to benefit any individual interest, the result will soon be a competitive attack upon the Treasury such as is believed to be made at Washington by powerful trade combinations, in which

THE WELFARE OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC passes out of view altogether. Protection in other industries must diminish the amount of cargo moving, and the carrying trade will suffer proportionately.

It is often urged that, while subsidies are in themselves undesirable, the action of foreign nations is compelling us to follow them in this policy if we are to keep our shipping industry alive. But the shipping trade, so far from being nearly extinct, has (though at the moment depressed) passed through within the last four years one of its periods of greatest prosperity. That the foreign subsidising system is vexatious we well know, for our line (of cargo steamers to the Far East) has for years had to compete, while itself unsubsidised, with French, German, Dutch, and Japanese subsidised lines. But before a policy of retaliating subsidies is rushed into,

THE FOLLOWING POINTS

1. Is shipping the only industry injured by the vicious fiscal arrangements of foreign countries? Could not, and would not, many manufacturers and others who suffer from foreign tariffs put in a strong plea for similar help if the taxpayer were induced to endow shipping?

2. Would the proposed remedy strengthen British shipping? There is much experience to show that public doles are demoralising to an industry, as eleemosynary help is to an individual, and for similar reasons. In the long run we shall be the stronger for walking without a crutch.

3. What practical proposal can be made? Either all British shipping must be subsidised, which, to be effective, would involve an unthinkable charge upon the taxpayer, or the doles must be given sporadically, presumably, to those who can best prove their need for them. How pleasant and dignified for a shipowner to have to leave his office and spend his time in the lobbies endeavouring to convince politicians that he is in particular being nearly ruined by foreign subsidies! And it must be remembered that every subsidy given to one selected shipowner acts as a positive injury to the unsubsidised. Practically, would the great body of shipping stand such selective subsidising? It often seems to be assumed that only passenger lines are worthy of consideration, perhaps because they come most prominently before the general public and their names sound most familiar; but usually cargo shipowners have a harder struggle, and they render an equally important national service.

What, then, it may be asked, can be done to

REMEDY THE HARDSHIPS

which it is admitted that foreign subsidies inflict? Certainly no such expedient is to be thought of as the revival of the Navigation Laws, those products of the dark ages of commercial policy, nor the imposition of differential duties upon foreign vessels or differential duties on goods imported in them. The true shipping policy is to meet bad foreign fiscal methods with enlightened British methods, eliminating such elements of subsidising as have found their way, contrary to our general principle, into even our own arrangements made ostensibly for purely postal purposes. Just as protective tariffs should be fought with free imports, so subsidised shipping should be fought by unsubsidised British enterprise. Such a policy requires patience, but there is absolutely nothing in the present state of the shipping world to make us despair of its success.

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TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship

"NIPPON MARU." The above steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 21st August, 1902.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE N.D.L. Steamship

"FREIBERG."

Captain Proesch, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded, less notice to the contrary be given before 5 P.M. TO-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 22nd August, 1902.

DEUTSCHE STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "HYADES," FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKO, HAMA, KOBE, MOI, AND SHANGHAI.

The above steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

DEUTSCHE STEAMSHIP COMPANY, Agents.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1902.

HINDRA LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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"INDRANI," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 2nd September, at 2 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M. TO-DAY.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 26th August, 1902.

STEAMSHIP "LAOS."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London, ex s.s. Bagdad, and Bordeaux, ex s.s. Ville de Lorient and P. Leroy Lallier, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, TO-DAY, the 26th instant, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 2nd September, or they will not be recognised. All damaged packages will be examined on TUESDAY, the 2nd September, at 3 P.M.

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1902.

NATIVE DISTURBANCES AND
COMMERCIAL REPORTS.

The Diplomatic and Consular reports on
the trade of the Treaty Ports for the year
1901, are to hand and, generally speaking,
indicate a very satisfactory expansion in
every direction. One of the most interesting
is that of Wuchow respecting which Mr.
Acting Consul LITTLE says that in spite of
some adverse circumstances the trade of the
port made a substantial advance on the
previous year, the total value rising from
£1,015,000 to £1,109,500, including £724
for re-exports, or an increase of nearly 10
per cent. During the previous year the
exchange stood at 2 1/4, while in 1901 it
was reckoned at 2 1/2, so that if calculated
in local currency the increase was about 14 per
cent. The total imports, of which cotton goods
formed considerably over half, were valued
at £835,700 as against £713,900 last year,
foreign goods representing £822,000, or
an increase of £121,800, whilst native
produce remained about stationary at
£13,700. The port has now been open for
upwards of four years, and it is
satisfactory to note that a steady and
uninterrupted progress has been maintained,
the value of trade having nearly doubled in
that period. A great feature of this increase
has been the foreign imports, Mr. LITTLE
citing as an instance of how rapidly the
Chinese acquire a taste for things previously
unknown the fact that Hongkong aerated
waters at 20 cents a bottle are sold in the
streets of Kueilin, the provincial capital,
some twelve days' journey from the nearest
treaty port and a place where foreigners are
scarcely ever seen. The import trade, he
adds, seems to be in a sound and healthy
condition, while he submits it may be inferred
that the limit of the buying capacity of the
district has not yet been reached, and that
there is still room for expansion. But it
must not be forgotten that the rebellions
and other disturbances, both local and other-
wise, have their effect upon trade, and un-
doubtedly curtail its value in more than one
direction. In 1900, Mr. Consul HAUSER
drew attention to the great effect which the
events in the North of China had upon the
trade of the port, and showed how unfavour-
ably they reacted by pointing out that from
the middle of June till the end of July in that
year all business was practically at a stand-
still, nevertheless, Wuchow was then one of
the few ports showing an advance in the
year's return, and this speaks well for the
value of the place. He was then of the
opinion that the limit of the expansion of
Wuchow's trade had evidently not yet been
reached and considered that under more
favourable conditions a far larger trade might
be expected to develop. In his report for
last year, Mr. LITTLE says:—

"Kuanghsien seems to suffer from a state of
chronic disorder of a more or less serious
nature, and last year witnessed the usual
outbreak of disturbances in various parts of the
province. Predatory raids on small towns and
villages, and the plundering of cargo
boats in the districts around Liuchow
and north of Nanning, were of frequent occur-
rence, and for a month or two a feeling of
nervousness and uncertainty prevailed among
merchants, which much impeded the progress of
trade. Large quantities of merchandise had to
be warehoused at Nanning, which is the
great distributing centre for that part of the
province and portions of Yunnan and Kuei-
chow, till the security of the trade routes was
to some extent restored. After a time the
bandits were temporarily dispersed, and trade
resumed its normal course, but the disturbances
have now (April) broken out again in a more
acute form. The district between Nanning
and Poye is over-run by large bands of brigands
numbering from a few hundred men to 1,000
or more in a single band, who rove over the
country plundering the people and occasionally
even attacking, sometimes with success, the
troops that are sent against them. As soon as
they find themselves in danger they break up and
scatter in the hills where it is difficult for the sol-
diers to pursue them, even if they had the energy
and inclination to do so. The bandits consist
to a considerable extent of "braves" formerly
belonging to Marshal Su's frontier force,
who were recently disbanded, and not receiving
the pay due to them marched off with their
rifles and ammunition, both of the best. They
are, therefore, more or less trained men and
well armed, and being often superior in these
respects to the official forces, the task of
thoroughly suppressing them is likely to prove
a difficult and expensive one for the provincial
authorities to accomplish. As a consequence
of these troubles transit trade north of Nanning
is, for the time being, almost at a standstill."

These facts, it should be mentioned, fully
bear out our reports which have appeared
from time to time regarding the disturbances,
and of which we may have again to refer at
a later date.

Turning for a moment to the report on
the trade of Swatow for 1901, Mr. Consul
HOLLAND points out that in spite of
rebellions, local and otherwise, pestilence
and other drawbacks trade is enormously

on the increase it having amounted to
\$5,043,133, the second largest on
record, or an increase in twelve years from
\$5,000,000 in 1890 to over \$5,000,000
in 1901, one of the largest exports is
brown and white sugar, which shows a
falling-off, in comparison with 1899, from
£1,125,971 to £859,437. This, he says, is
"almost entirely due to the disturbed state of
the country round Newchwang, a most impor-
tant market for Swatow sugar. The import of
white shirtings being also affected in the same
way, it will be seen that the unsatisfactory
state of things in Manchuria is re-possible for
much loss to both the import and export trades
of Swatow."

Other treaty ports report similarly, and it
is to be hoped that the disturbances will
soon be quelled, and that peace and pros-
perity will spread not only in the parts more
closely associated with foreign trade, but
throughout the whole Empire so that China
and her great possibilities may be seen to
their best advantage.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE OUTBREAK OF CHOLERA in Manila
is reported to be steadily decreasing.

BEBI-BERI—One fatal case of bebi-beri
occurred in the Colony during the past twenty-
four hours.

SWEETS—A Chinese trader was fined \$100,
or two months for having 10 bags of sugar,
value \$40, of which he was unable to give a
satisfactory account.

THE ELECTION LAW—The general elec-
tion in Japan produced a large number of
charges of violation of the Election Law. The
cases numbered altogether 410, and 1,683 per-
sons were concerned in them.

NO SCREENS ON LIGHTS—The master of
the steam-launch *Halo-Maru* was fined \$15,
for neglecting to have screens on his port and
star-board lights while under weigh between
sunset and sunrise on the 23rd instant.

SOFT INDEED—A correspondent points
out that the P. W. D. are still retaining the
Kowloon Roads with soft earth, and expresses
the opinion that the P. W. D. must be soft
indeed, for the first shower of rain will wash it
away.

STEALING FROM A HEADMASTER—A
Chinese boy, of about fourteen years of age,
was charged by Mr. James, Headmaster of the
Kowloon School, with stealing a silver cup,
value \$20. He pleaded guilty, and was re-
manded.

SKYLARKING—Three bandmen of the
U. S. S. *Rainbow*, were each fined \$5 for
behaving in a disorderly manner in the
public street yesterday. Each had also to
pay \$1.75 compensation for damaging a private
ricksha the property of a broker.

DEATH OF MR. RICHARD DAY—We
are informed that Mr. Richard Day, an as-
sistant Store-keeper of Hingthong Dock died
suddenly yesterday. It appears that he was
in his usual good health in the morning and
a few hours afterwards he had an attack of heat
apoplexy and passed away in an unconscious
condition.

SUPPOSED DROPSY—A Chinaman taken
by the Police to Yaumati Station complained
that he was suffering from a severe pain on
his leg. While Inspector Gauld was making
arrangements to convey him to the Govern-
ment Civil Hospital, the poor man dropped
dead. The cause of death was supposed to be
due to dropsy.

DOCTORS ON N. Y. K. SHIPS—Recent-
ly the Nippon Yusen Kaisha started to carry
doctors on board the vessels of their fleet run-
ning between Nagasaki and Shanghai. This
was a very wise step, but they are improving
on it, says the *Nagasaki Press*. Starting with
the *Hakui-maru*, their boats will carry doctors
as far as Kobe.

JERRY-BUILDING—A Chinese building
contractor was charged by Mr. P. Crisp, In-
spector of Buildings, with using inferior bricks
and mortars while building a house at Kow-
loon. The case was dismissed, but the house
is to be pulled down and rebuilt. This is a
start in the right direction, though it is sincere-
ly hoped there will be more convictions than
dismissals.

BAND PERFORMANCE—The Band of
33rd Burma Infantry will play the following
programme of music at the Queen's Hotel on
Thursday the 28th inst., at 7.30 p.m.—

PROGRAMME.
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Overture "Die Felsenkeller".....Reisiger.
Selection "Little Christy's Lullaby".....Caryl.
Song "The Song you sang to me".....Molloy.
Selection "The Messenger Boy".....Monckton.
Valse "Value Blue".....Margis.

THE HATSUNE-MARU—We have
already reported the wreck of the Mitsu Bishi
Co's steamer *Hatsune-maru* in the recent
storm, says the *Nagasaki Press*. It seems
that she went foul of a submerged rock near
the Kasashima, off Kuri-hama, Sagami pro-
vince. She is now wedged between two rocks,
so firmly that steam launches cannot tow her
off. Her cargo has been removed. It is feared
that her bottom has sustained damage so
serious that the saving of the ship is a hopeless
task.

THE NEXT JAPANESE BUDGET—A
telegram from Tokyo to the *Osaka Asahi* gives
some details—unofficially of course—of the
Japanese Budget which is to come before
Parliament next session, and which is to cover
the next fiscal year. When the original
estimates of expenditure sent in by the various
Government Departments were put together
they were found to amount to Yen 270,000,000.
This was cut down to Yen 230,000,000, which
was the grand estimate recently put before the
Cabinet. Discussion on the Budget has not
yet taken place.

COTTAM & CO. FOR SUN HATS.

COTTAM & CO. FOR PANAMA HATS.

BROACHING CARGO—Three months was
the sentence upon a Chinaman for broaching
cargo from a vessel in port.

THE CHOLERA AT NAGASAKI from the
21st to the 22nd inst. numbered 17 on
shore and 5 in harbour. The total is 373 since
the first case, reported on the 7th July last.

CHOLERA IN CEBU—The cholera report
for Cebu, for the twenty-four hours ending at
8 a.m. on the 20th instant was new cases, 12,
deaths 7, making a total since the outbreak of
1086 cases, and 607 deaths.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

HALF YEARLY MEETING.

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of the
shareholders in this Company was held at the
Company's Hotel, at noon to-day, for the
purpose of receiving a statement of accounts
of the Company to the 30th June, 1902, with
the report of the directors. Those present were
Messrs. E. Osborne, (Chairman) R. C. Wilcox
and W. H. Potts, (Directors) and P. C. Potts,
F. D. Goddard, Ho Fook, Lo Cheung Shui,
M. S. Northcote, W. Cruickshank, F. Maitland,
C. Mooney, (Secretary), and Captain W. E.
Clarke.

After the Secretary had read the notice
convening the meeting,

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the report
and accounts I will, with your permission,
take as read. The profits for the half year
were slightly under those of the corresponding
period last year, the decrease being due not so
much to diminution of business as to increased
cost of wines and stores through the fall in
exchange, but notwithstanding this the results
of the working, will I think, give satisfaction
and believing such to be the case I need make
no further comment on the accounts. Some 8
months ago you approved of a proposal to
build on the Reclamation and at the same time
gave the Board authority to vary the scheme
if thought fit, the one we submitted being
somewhat modest involving an expenditure of
about \$50,000. Subsequent to the meeting at
which this proposal was approved an offer was
made to us for leasing a five storeyed perma-
nent building costing some \$400,000 and this
offer we have accepted because the net
results to the Hotel Company are an assured
income equal to if not larger than would have
been earned by the first scheme, whilst in place
of a cheap one storeyed building, which would
have had to be demolished in 10 years time,
we shall possess a substantial permanent
structure which, so long as the Colony prospers,
cannot fail to command good rentals. Ex-
tensive alterations are being made on the first
floor of the old building whereby we shall
obtain a fine suite of retiring and reception
room comprising a large music and sitting
room, reading room, smoking room, two
billiard rooms and toilet rooms all of
them greatly needed, and the want of which
has been frequently commented on and very
much felt especially during the busy season.
The changes deprive us of some dozen bed-
rooms which loss will of course reduce the
earnings, but we feel that we cannot longer
continue to pose as a first class Hotel without
improved accommodation of this nature and
we think, or at least hope, the loss of revenue
will be made up in other directions consequent
upon the increased comfort which these rooms
will afford to visitors staying in the Hotel.
Before proposing the adoption of the report
and accounts I shall be pleased to answer any
questions.

There being no questions the Chairman pro-
posed, and Mr. Cruickshank seconded that the
report and accounts as presented be adopted.
Carried.

DIRECTORS.

Mr. Ho Fook then proposed the confirmation
of the appointment of Mr. W. H. Potts as a
director in place of Mr. Parfitt on leave, and
also the re-election of Mr. E. Osborne as a
director.

This was seconded by Captain Clarke and
carried.

Lastly, Mr. P. C. Potts proposed the re-
election of Messrs. H. N. Jeffries and A. R.
Lowe as Auditors.

Mr. F. D. Goddard seconded.
The motion was carried and the meeting
terminated.

ILLEGAL ACTION OF CHINESE
GENTRY.

AT SAIKONG, NEW TERRITORY.

A placard, purporting to have been issued
by a certain number of Chinese traders at
Saikong, has been found posted up in that
village. Its contents enjoin upon the villagers
the payment of a tax on all articles of com-
merce exported from the village to Hongkong.
The authors would have it believed that the
levy must be paid to defray the cost of and to
maintain a pagoda that has recently been
erected in the village. In addition to this,
according to the placard, the tax is required for
the maintenance of the public roads. The
district of Saikong and the country in its
vicinity are inhabited by a large number of
Chinese converted into the Roman Catholic
faith. Until the cession of the new Territory
to Great Britain, the converts of whatever
denomination were exempted from the com-
pulsory payment of all dues either to meet the
cost or for the upkeep of any religious establish-
ment. This exemption they enjoy by treaty.
The placard that has just been issued, it seems
unnecessary to explain, has no official or legal
sanction. The minds of the ignorant villagers
have been much disturbed by an illegal action
which can have no other purport than that of
raising a taxation not countenanced by law.
We feel certain that this matter need only be
brought to the notice of the authorities for a
searching investigation to be instituted with a
view to bring the extortioners to justice.

COTTAM & CO. FOR WASHING
BOW TIES.

EMBARKATION OF TROOPS.

A LIVELY SEND-OFF.

The Pom-pom Battery (R. H. A.) 133 in
number, assembled with their baggage at the
Commissary pier at 8.30 this morning, and
after the baggage was stowed in a lighter the
sturdy soldiers, looking in splendid condition,
kicked their heels and walked about the pier
leisurely waiting for the launch. When per-
spiration commenced to soak through their
khaki uniforms a comrade officer gave the
order for them to get into the
shade. The launch arrived at about nine
o'clock, and there was little delay before
all were aboard and proceeding to the *Em-
press of India*, with the baggage in tow. As
they left the pier they gave three hearty cheers
"for the Band"—that of the Royal Welsh
Fusiliers—assembled to wish them good
cheer and, needless to say, they quickly
responded striking up the liveliest airs of
their vocabulary, winding up with "Auld
Lang Syne." Immediately they cleared the
pier their berth was occupied by the Army
Service Corps transport launch *Hercules*, just
returning from firing exercise. She had been
under weigh since about 6 a.m., towing targets
around Stone Cutters' Island, for the 89th
R. G. A. to put at Major W. A. C. Denny,
D. A. G., in charge of the embarkation, Major
Buttanshaw, being ill, boarded her at the same
time ordering the master to hurry off to the
liner. The launch *Hercules* was seen to
soon shoot ahead of the transporting launch
and Major Denny boarded the *Empress* in
good time to receive the troops.
Under his directions they embarked in an
orderly manner proceeding to their quarters
in the forward 'tween decks where the newly
constructed fittings looked very spic and span.
The kit racks are situated against the after
bulk-head and the stow hammock racks along
the centre. In each wing are rows of tables
and seats, each table accommodating 12 men.
Aye, as fine a sturdy lot of men as one could
wish to see, all dressed in serviceable khaki
with spurs, water-bottles, knapsacks, swords,
revolvers and blue overcoats slung neatly over
their shoulders. During the *Empress of India's*
stay at Shanghai she will also embark a few
details from Weihaiwei. We understand that
the Pom-pom Battery have left their guns
behind.

INTERESTING SHIPPING CASE.

AT THE SUPREME COURT.

Some time ago an action was brought for-
ward by Mr. B. C. Hansen to recover the sum
of \$531 alleged to be due from Mr. A. R.
Marty for salary and mess money, for
four months in lieu of notice of dismissal.
The plaintiff was 3rd engineer on board of Mr.
Marty's s.s. *Hongkong*, and judgment was
given in his favour. A rehearing, however,
was called for, on the ground that a portion
of the French Consul's evidence had been
misunderstood.

The case came on before the Puisne Judge,
His Honour A. G. Wise, at the Supreme Court
this morning, Mr. E. J. Crist appearing for the
plaintiff and Mr. J. Hastings for the defendant.

Captain Pannier was the first witness called
and he gave evidence to the effect that the 3rd
engineer was dismissed on the order of the
owners, and that according to French
law when a Frenchman is available, French
shipowners must employ them, and can only
accept the services of a foreigner when a
countryman is not available.

Mr. Hastings then put on the ship's articles,
which were in French and of which there was
no translation.

Mr. Crist objected saying that it would
be impossible to cross-examine the witnesses
on these documents, and submitted that as it
was an English Court, proper certified transla-
tions should have been put in with the docu-
ments. He applied for an adjournment of the
case at Mr. Marty's expense to allow this to be
done.

The Judge concurred and the case will again
appear in the hearing list for Friday next.

The s.s. *Hongkong* trades between this
Colony, Haiphong and the intermediate ports.

H.M.S. "RINALDO" ON A ROCK.

AT TYTAN BAY.

H.M.S. *Rinaldo*, which was to have left for
the North on Saturday was delayed owing to
the late arrival of the *Arctura*, so she went to
Tytan Bay in the afternoon for shooting practice.
Just before getting to her anchorage she ran be-
tween two rocks and stuck there for over a day.
Help was at once sent from the Naval yard, and
she was subsequently refloated and towed to
the Cosmopolitan Docks yesterday afternoon.
The propeller was slightly damaged, and also
a couple of plates. Her repairs will take a few
days, and she is expected to leave the Docks on
Friday morning, and will then probably pro-
ceed to the North.

THE ARMY.

The Transport *Uganda* with the 2nd Rajputs
left Taku for India on the 25th inst. She calls
at Shanghai and will shortly pass through
Hongkong. Her troops comprise eleven British
Officers, and 714 native rank and file with
Colonel O'Sullivan of the Royal Engineers.

THE NAVY.

H. M. S. *Crazy* will probably be here on or
about the middle of next month.
Naval Reliefs—The blue funnel (Fined
Holt) steamer *Diomed* arrived from Europe
yesterday. She has some 228 naval reliefs on
board. A few only are for Hongkong; nearly
the whole batch being bound for vessels of the
northern China Station. They consist of
Lieut. C. Asser, Lieut. H. J. Snowden, Surgeon
R. E. Richards, 20 Petty Officers and 205
Bluejackets.

H.M.S. *Amphitrite* left Weihaiwei for this
port a few days ago and is expected to arrive
in the early part of next week.

H.M.S. *Tea* recently left Shanghai for the
Yangtze.

H.M.S. *Rinaldo* went into the Cosmopolitan
docks yesterday.

COTTAM & CO. FOR GENTS' BATH-
ING-GEAR.

A QUESTION OF SALARY.

CASE AT THE SUPREME COURT.

Considerable interest was attached to a case
commenced in the Supreme Court this after-
noon before the Puisne Judge, His Honour
A. G. Wise. It appears that Mr. C. W.
Alexander, a marine engineer, instructed
his solicitor, Mr. Harston, to serve a writ on
Messrs. "Punchard Lowther & Co. the Naval
Yard Extension contractors to recover from
them the sum of \$548, \$348 for salary al-
leged to be due and payable by them to
him for labour as a marine engineer, and the
remaining \$200 in respect of quarters, from
May 16th to July 31st last. Mr. Grist now
appeared for the defendant Company while the
plaintiff was represented by Mr. Harston.

The wages, \$348, had been previously agreed
to by the owners, so regarding the expenses
alone a decision was required.
From the evidence tendered, it appears that
the plaintiff applied in person for the position of
foreman fitter previous to May 13th, when he
received a letter offering him the position.
Later he accepted, but on certain conditions, one
being that he should be provided with quarters.
In due course he was employed, but the
free quarters not being ready, Mr. Alexander
temporarily resided outside and was to receive
an allowance for doing so. He ascertained
afterwards that he would have to share a room
with another man and he told Mr. Kidd, to
whom he was subordinate, that in all the
jobs he had undertaken in the East he had
always had a room to himself. Subsequently it
appears that Mr. Alexander was informed he
would have to take his chance with the rest.
He, however, objected to live in a room with
another. Later he received a month's notice to
quit employment, no reasons being stated.
When he came to leave, however, a discus-
sion arose regarding outside expenses; the
defendants offered only \$50 and then \$35
for the whole of his outside allowance.

Mr. Harston, in working up the outside allow-
ance in question, commenced with ricksha
expenses, but Mr. Grist objected on the ground
of its being unreasonable, and His Lordship
agreeing with him said that he would not allow
a "red cent" for rickshas.

Mr. Harston however, strongly contended
that he thought His Lordship ought to take
it into consideration.

His Lordship:—When I was a youngster
I used to walk.

Mr. Harston:—Perhaps your Lordship is a
good walker.

His Lordship thought it was absurd and
said that a Major in the Army only got \$30,
and all Mr. Harston's arguments pointing out
that by taking rickshas the plaintiff was saving
his employers' money and time, were in vain.

One of the witnesses called upon (Mr. C. F.
Ocken) thought \$40 unreasoned and \$60
furnished was a fair allowance, which caused
His Lordship to remark that the difference
\$20 per annum was good interest on the
furniture (Laughter).

The defendants contended that the expenses
were only due for a period up to 6th July as
Mr. Alexander might have moved into the local
quarters on that date.

Mr. W. Kidd, the chief agent of the defend-
ant firm, in his evidence said that he had not
promised Mr. Alexander a room to himself; he
was to be treated like the rest, and pointed out
that the people with one of whom he would
have been required to share a room were in
receipt of salaries from £25 to £30 sterling per
mensam. Mr. Alexander's wages were £30
per mensam.

Mr. Grist, in summing up, pointed out that
it was proved that \$35 would have met the

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters.)

Russia and Afghanistan.

LONDON, August 25th.
An article in the St. Petersburg *Novoye Vremya* asks if the time has not come for Russia to have the right of penetrating within the borders of Afghanistan, of developing her commercial relations with that country, and of having her representative at Kabul. The journal regards such as legitimate and indispensable.

President Roosevelt and Trusts.

President Roosevelt speaking at Providence, New England, indicated fresh legislation on Trusts.

LATER.

Their Majesties in the Isle of Man.

Their Majesties the King and Queen landed to-day at Ramsey, Isle of Man, where they met with a most enthusiastic reception. They visited all the chief points of interest in the vicinity. This is the first time in history that the monarch has landed on the Isle of Man.

The Murder of Missionaries.

The murder of the two missionaries in Hunan was the result of a cholera epidemic for which the foreigners were held responsible. It is not believed that there is evidence of renewed general anti-foreign feeling.

(Manila Times.)

The Papal Delegate to the Philippines.

NEW YORK, August 18th.

His Holiness Pope Leo has finally decided that he will not appoint Monsignor Augusto Guidi, archbishop of Nice, as papal delegate to the Philippines. No reasons are given out at the Vatican for the withdrawing of Monsignor Guidi's name, as his appointment was originally decided upon, but it is believed that an American prelate will be appointed. Such an appointment would be gratifying to American Catholics and the officials of the government.

The Philippines Problem.

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts has again expressed his confidence in the ability to solve the difficult problem of civil government in the Philippine Islands. In a speech he expressed the belief that the voice of the people would be heard in the coming fall elections and that that voice would be in favor of continuing the Republican party in power so that it could continue its great work in the Philippines.

Pope sends Autograph Letter to President Roosevelt.

Right Rev. Thomas O'Gorman, bishop of Sioux Falls, has returned from Rome, where he was present during the negotiations between Judge Taft and the Vatican as to the friar lands. He brings with him an autograph letter from the Holy Father to President Roosevelt. The letter dwelt upon the amicable relations existing between the Roman Catholic Church and the government of the United States, regarding the position and future of the friars in the Philippines. A mosaic picture sent by the Pope accompanied the letter, which was personally delivered by Bishop O'Gorman to the president. President Roosevelt will acknowledge both letter and picture.

Terrible Volcanic Eruption in Japan.

August 16th.

For two days there has been a terrible volcanic eruption in Takushima, Japan. The town is overwhelmed and the number of dead so far is estimated at 150. There are many times that number of wounded. The loss of property is very great and houses, horses and cattle have been buried under streams of molten lava.

The Lighter Service.

Secretary of War Root has ordered an investigation to be made into the charges that very irregular methods have prevailed in the lighting of army transports in Manila. It is alleged that lighters have been credited with more trips than actually made, and with having more tonnage than really registered.

Threatening Outlook in the Philippines.

August 20th.

General Chaffee, who has been on a visit to Mindanao, and now on his way back to Manila, has cabled to the War Department at Washington that the outlook in the island is so threatening that it is absolutely necessary to advance on the fort of Bacolod, and make a determined show of force. As already announced in the *Times* cables, General Chaffee has been granted full power to deal with the situation.

Bubonic Plague in San Francisco.

There has been another outbreak of bubonic plague in San Francisco, and as on its first appearance in the city in 1900, great consternation prevails among the inhabitants. The first cases were found in Chinatown, and that portion of the city is under strict quarantine, and the harbour is also strictly guarded. So far there have been six deaths.

Senator Frye Engaged.

Senator W. P. Frye, of Maine, a member of the Paris peace commission in 1898, to settle the terms of peace between Spain and the United States, and the former of the Ship Subsidy Bill, has announced his engagement to Miss Helen May.

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Club Man Suicides.

Robert Remington, a prominent New York society and club man, committed suicide at Newport. It is believed that the cause which led him to commit the rash act was that he had been jilted by Miss Van Allen, the daughter of J. J. Van Allen, a New York capitalist, and who was, in 1893, appointed by President Cleveland as ambassador to Italy, but declined the honour, although his nomination was confirmed by the Senate.

Chinese Grew Strike.

DAGUPAN, August 21st.

Eleven members of the Chinese crew on board the quarter-master steamer *Westpoint* refused to do any work here. Their object evidently was to escape into the interior to engage in trade. Presumably they are not citizens and they are now under arrest by the Consular.

(El Comercio.)

Conflagration in Borneo.

A special wire to the *Comercio* states that the Chinese quarter of Pontianak, Dutch Borneo, has been completely destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at over a million dollars.

Government Criticized.

NEW YORK, August 20th.

At the convention of Hibernians held to-day in New Jersey, a resolution was introduced criticizing the methods adopted by the government in dealing with the friar question in the Philippines. The resolution was adopted.

Railway Traffic Suspended in China.

Owing to the severe cholera epidemic now raging in China, it has been decided to suspend traffic on the Chinese Eastern Railway in the meanwhile.

Boer General Explains.

The Boer generals have given out as their reason for the severe invitation which was accorded them to visit H. M. the King on Saturday, and to visit the naval review, was on account of their position precluding any ceremonial visit. They state they were quite satisfied with their informal visit to H. M. the King on Sunday. On their arrival in Holland, they were warmly welcomed by the Dutch authorities.

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from the Hongkong Observatory, Mr. F. G. Figg, Acting Director:—

On the 27th at 11.50 a.m. The low pressure trough lies across the North part of the China Sea and the Pacific to the East of the Balingiang Channel. Pressure is high over E. Japan. The barometer has risen slightly over S. Japan and the Philippines, and is little changed elsewhere. Moderate or fresh N.E. wind in the Formosa Channel and the N. part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—moderate N.E. winds; showery.

OUT AND ABOUT WITH THE CORONATION CONTINGENT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

ALEXANDER PALACE, July 14th.

With the dawn of the 23rd June, the good old ship *Tunisian* made her way slowly up the murky Mersey, and by ten o'clock the Hongkong and China Coronation Contingent was safely landed two deep on the quay alongside the ship. The first person that greeted us was the local military officer in charge of Liverpool, who welcomed us in the name of the Liverpool Corporation, and in the name of the King. We were then marched off to the station, and in less than half an hour were comfortably seated in the train rushing away to London. A stop was made at Rugby where light refreshments were provided, and by the afternoon the express engine pulled up at Wood Green station. To the strains of the military band, the waving of handkerchiefs, the clapping of hands, and occasional remarks such as "e're comes the Chinamen"—we were landed in Alexander Palace, and eventually found ourselves at our quarters in nice and neatly rigged tents. The Chinese, Wei-hai-wei and Indians were, however, allotted quarters in the native grounds commonly known as the Banqueting Hall, but which has been turned into huge barracks to house the most cosmopolitan of troops in the world.

ALEXANDER PALACE.

No better place could have been selected by the Authorities for the quartering of the Colonial troops. There is every facility there for them to enjoy themselves, whilst the arrangements are most capital. As you are aware, the Palace is a big place, and studded with trees as it is, it imparts something Oriental towards the Sons of the East. Everything is carried out in accordance with strict military rule, and yet no one seems to mind. Inside the Palace, there are convenient bars distributed all over the place; then there is a theatre, a chapel, a concert room, a reading room, a billiard room, a conservatory, and a huge exhibition hall, and another hall where nearly everything from a pin to a locomotive can be bought, the grounds team with amusements in the shape of merry-go-rounds, switchbacks, gravity steeplechase, a lake where boating can be had, in fact all sorts of amusements that generally follow in the wake of a big permanent gathering. It is, in fact, run on the same principle as Earl's Court and the Crystal Palace.

COSMOPOLITAN TROOPS.

Of visitors, the camp is always alive, and no wonder when never in the history of any nation have so many troops, under one flag—that wonderful flag of England—gathered. Stalwart Australians rub shoulders with Canadian and South African campaigners, the hardy

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sons of India fraternise with Barbadoes, and Trinidad soldiers, dusky Fijians mingle arm in arm with Malays, Nigerians, Lajos and Gold Coast, Ceylon, Cyprus, Hongkong, Singapore and Penang Volunteers with veterans of the great African war. Wei-hai-wei soldiers, real sons of the Flowery Land smiling complacently over his Southern cousins—the Chinese sappers of Hongkong—dusky hued Sudanese with his Congo brothers, in fact, all the nations of the earth mingled in one vast camp, picturesque, yet at the same time a striking example of the greatness of Britain and her power beyond the seas. It is a lesson over which other Powers might do well to ponder.

REVIEWS.

COMPLIMENTED BY LORD ROBERTS.

The third day of our stay saw our first entry into active life, viz., a review by the Duke of Connaught and his staff. It was a magnificent day, and as soon as every section of the various contingents were ready, the Duke, accompanied by his staff, made a close inspection, and as soon as he had finished this task—a by no means light one; over 4,600 troops—the order to march past was given. I must say that it was grand.

The next review was by Lord Roberts and his staff. Being the Commander-in-Chief of the whole British Army it was an important day, and one and all turned out spick and span. The usual movements and tactics were gone through, after which the Field-Marshal, who did not ride, minutely inspected section after section, and I am sure that it will be gratifying for Hongkong folk to know that his Lordship specially singled out the Hongkong contingent (Volunteers) and complimented our Major on our smart turn out and our soldierly appearance. Go ahead, Hongkong! The third review wherein Hongkong was represented was when

THE QUEEN, AND PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES.

attended the function at Whitehall. The troops were entrained at Wood Green station, alighted at King's Cross, and marched to the ground to the strains of martial music. It was a grand day and although the streets were rather quiet owing to the illness of the King, there was some semblance of great rejoicing. The Queen, who looked somewhat careworn, was accompanied in a buggy by the Princess of Wales while the Prince, and the foreign princes rode on horseback. A minute inspection of the ranks was made, and afterwards the march past was witnessed. Section after section passed, and I am sure that the inward spirit of some, if not all, was moved when they saw the benign face of the Queen smiling on them, while her son stood at the salute. It was a moment to feel that the power of Britain was solid, and every one ought to have been proud to say he was a soldier of the King. Of course, each section had their amount of cheering as they marched past; so did Hongkong, though I am told that the prolonged cheer for us was due to certain

HONGKONG "BIG-WIGS"

occupying the most prominent seats, who lustily cheered us as we went by. After the review the troops were marched back to King's Cross station and ultimately found themselves in the Palace. The last review was on the occasion of the arrival of Viscount Kitchener. Of course Hongkong would not be left out in the cold, and had the pleasant duty of lining the street, on the Constitution Hill. This was also a grand affair. Suffice it to say that Hongkong has done her fair share of work, and I am sure that our general Major Chapman and his right-hand man, Lieutenant Armstrong, are pleased with us. The next big turn-out will be that for the coronation fixed for the 9th August.

VISITORS.

Sir J. Carrington, the late commandant of the H. K. V. C., paid the camp a visit, and was quite satisfied with what he saw. Sir John was the prime mover of the agitation when the question of the efficiency was raised in Hongkong, and it was due to his call and energy that the Corps is what it is to-day. To each man Sir John had a nice word, and when he left the camp, accompanied by Major Chapman, three ringing cheers were accorded him. Amongst the visitors have been Mr. and Mrs. Murray Bain and daughter, Mr. G. King (P. W. D.), Inspector Hansen, Mr. G. Hunter (Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.) Mr. & Mrs. Farr (formerly of the Docks) and a host of other Hongkong "hands."

PAY.

It will be of interest to know that we are paid for our services now. It was indeed a pleasant surprise, and I am sure that none of us expected such good luck to be in store for us. The rates run thus: For every day spent on board ship 2/6. For every day spent in Camp 5/6. For every day spent on leave (furlough) 8/6. As you will notice, this makes a very tidy sum, and "amply repays us for our trouble in coming."

RATIONS.

The whole camp is astir by 6 a.m. Breakfast, (Eggs and bacon, or fried fish),—7 to 8 a.m. Dinner, (either beef or mutton, with ample vegetables, and either plum or bread pudding)—12.30 to 1.30. Tea, (Bread, butter, cheese, jam, and either celery or lettuce)—5.30 to 6.30.

This department is manned by marines, and they do not work very well. The white troops have their meals upstairs, whilst the darkies, including the Chinese, in the ground floor.

AMUSEMENTS.

Amusements, we have in galore. Not a day passes that either we are invited to theatres or to amusements of some kind. The managers of the London theatres have been very kind, and I am sure that the theatres have never before been crowded with khaki boys. The Colonial Club in Dover Street, a magnificent building, is a favourite resort with the Colonials, and of course Hongkong is always represented there.

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NAVAL REVIEW.

The Naval Review was a grand sight, but somehow the spectacle did not appeal very much to our Hongkong boys. Probably the number of warships generally moored in Hongkong harbour has a great deal to do with it. The *Bavarian*, a sister ship to the *Tunisian*, conveyed us there. Of course it was a grand affair, but the boys seemed somewhat tired when the camp was reached and the company dismissed. A journey down to Southampton occupying three and a half hours and that in a 2nd class train, with a hot tropical sun beating down, is not very pleasant. Taking things all round one and all enjoyed themselves.

WOOLWICH ARSENAL.

This interesting place was thoroughly gone into. The machinery was thoroughly explained to us, whilst the evolutions of the present 12-inch wire gun elicited great surprise, as also did the manufacture of the huge shells, and the small arms. Many of us came away with souvenirs.

WARWICK CASTLE.

It was a grand day for us. This ancient castle was minutely inspected. The Earl and the famous Countess did all they could for us. Their youngest son was the recipient of an unique present. Every contingent presented something to the future Lord. Of course Hongkong came out first. Our senior, Sergeant Meek, very promptly took off his badge, and the shoulder badge as well, and pinned them on to the youngster. Then everyone saw "H.K.V.C. (F.B.)" on the child's shoulder and other contingents followed and in less time than it takes to write the boy was covered with badges, etc., etc. We all had our photos taken. It happened that Major Chapman was the officer for the day and, need I say, we were not lost. A very big lunch and a meat tea were provided, whilst the impromptu bar was freely patronized—Hongkong sampling the whisky (as usual). Every nook and corner of the Castle was inspected, and when the hour came for departure, every one voted that it was a grand outing. The Earl made a very good speech observing that he was very pleased to be able to entertain the Colonials. His remarks were ably answered by the Australian Major who ended his speech by asking the Colonials to give three cheers for the Earl and the Countess. You may rest assured that it was warmly responded to. I should mention that the Earl had the band in attendance.

AT COVENT GARDEN.

Before closing reference to the amusements, I may say that Hongkong is always to be found at night either in Covent Garden where *Faust* is acted (in the person of Sir Henry Irving), the Lyric (Mr. Forbes Robertson) in *Mike and Men*, the "Apollo" in *Three Little Maids*, The Avenue, *French Milliner*, *Lyceum*, *Ben Hur*, the Strand *A Chinese Honeymoon*, or at Earl's Court where *Paris in London* is now on. Of course at Music Halls such as the Palace, Empire, Pavilion, the Hippodrome, or the Alhambra one always sees a khaki coloured Hongkong chap; besides the permanent amusements we get at the Alexander Palace, or in exhibitions like Madame Tussands, National Gallery, the Aquarium, Agricultural Hall and such places. No, we are not wanting in amusement.

HEALTH.

Under this heading Hongkong has been very lucky. With the exception of two days illness of Gunner Jenkins and a slight fever on Gunner J. Witchell and Private Gillings, the Contingent has had a clean sheet of health. Lieut. Armstrong had a touch of scarlet fever, but I am glad to say he is now well.

CONDUCT.

The conduct has been exemplary; not a single complaint has been made against us. The general verdict is that the Hongkong's are decent and well behaved chaps.

LEAVE.

Our leave for the first two weeks was rather erratic, due no doubt to the sudden illness of the King. Of course we were granted leave for about 24 hours, or probably more, but no fixed leave until the 16th of this month when we were granted general furlough until recalled, probably either on the 5th or 7th of next month. The camp has a rather deserted appearance now. With the exception of the darkies mostly all of the white soldiers have either gone to their homes or to their friends. As for Hongkong, only two out of the 46 have remained, viz., Sapper Edwards and Private Pullen. Multi when travelling is allowed. We travel half fare.

ADDITIONS TO THE CONTINGENT.

The Contingent had the following added to their list:—Sergt. Major Rodgers (Taikoo Sugar Refinery), Pte. Black (Naval Yard), Pte. Smith (P. & O.), Pte. Watson (Sanitary Board).

NEW HEAD GEAR.

Before concluding, you will be surprised to hear that the Contingent is now supplied with slouch hats. It was not an order, but the boys could not resist taking to it, when nearly all the other contingents had them. So we boys went in a body down to the city, invaded a hatters' and came out with a slouch hat each and our Hongkong colours proudly stuck up on the side. The hats are khaki in colour, and I am sure when the folks in Hongkong see us they will think we are all South African veterans. We really look soldierly and business-like, without the useless forage cap that we used to have. As I say, it is not an order yet, but I think that when we get back to Hongkong the order will be issued.

Regarding the sudden illness of the King and sudden postponement of all the orders, we in the camp felt it awfully. We were, metaphorically speaking, struck dumb, but what could we do. Simply had to await orders. At any rate, we are to take part in the Coronation after all, though it will not be on such a grand scale. Some more "copy" next week.

C. L. K.

THE FATAL COLLAPSE AT WANCHAI.

We understand that a private consultation took place at the Crown Solicitor's office, this morning, for the purpose of considering what steps, if any, should be taken regarding criminal proceedings in connection with the disastrous collapse which occurred on the night of Saturday, the 2nd inst., at Playa East, Wanchai. The result of the conference did not transpire, but we learn on good authority that the Coroner's inquiry is fixed for the 22nd prox.

S.S. "SHANSI" IN TROUBLE.

The steamer *Shansi*, Captain Carneghan, is in trouble, says a recent issue of the *Manila Times*, and will no doubt stop here for several days until an investigation is made regarding a little delinquency in the management of affairs upon the ship. The *Shansi* brought a lot of cattle to this port from Hongkong. It is alleged that the animals were not furnished sufficient water, and that not enough food was carried to supply the stock. Mr. Chase, one of the Customs boarding officers, discovered the situation and notified the proper authorities, with the result that the ship will be detained pending an investigation. The charges preferred are cruelty to animals.

GERMAN BARQUE IN DISTRESS.

A STORY OF THE SEA.

There reached Nagasaki on Thursday evening, 21st inst., towed by the Mitsu Bishi Co.'s steamer *Oura-maru*, the German three-masted barque *Silo*, and the story of her adventures is an interesting one.

The *Silo* left Cape Town in ballast on June 12th, bound for Vancouver. Her voyage was uneventful, and good progress was made until on July 31st, she sighted North-East Luzon—that region of wicked weather. There she fell foul of a typhoon, which reft her of her fore and main masts, and carried away the upper half of the mizzen mast. She

WALLOWED HELPLESSLY

for several days, drifting at the mercy of wind and tide. A jury mast was rigged, and some sort of control was obtained over the vessel. She thus travelled until 20 miles off Fukuyue, where she met the O.S.K.S. *Daito-maru* on her way to Moji. She spoke the *Daito-maru*, asking to be reported in distress to the German Consul at Nagasaki. The O.S.K. vessel accordingly despatched a message from Moji, and the German Consul here communicated with the Mitsu Bishi Company, who, on the 20th inst., sent out their

"YUGAO-MARU" TO THE RELIEF.

The *Yugao-maru*, however, was absolutely unable to find the damaged barque, and on Thursday had to return to Nagasaki with this disturbing report. Then a telegram was sent to the *Oura-maru* at Okama, bidding her do her best in the matter. So it came about that on Thursday evening, as the *Oura-maru*, nearing Iwoshima, outside this harbour, she came upon the *Silo*, and promptly took her in tow.

The German barque is to be repaired at the Mitsu Bishi Dockyard.—Nagasaki Press.

Commercial.

TO-DAY'S INTELLIGENCE.

There is very little to report in the Share Market. There is a slight improvement in Docks, Sugars and Banks. Docks changed hands at \$207.50 and \$210. Sugars have been done at \$92 to \$95, with sellers at the latter rate. Banks have been placed at \$87.50 to \$90. Canton Insurance shares have been inquired for, and small sales effected at 3170, with buyers. Indo Chinas have again declined, and there are now sellers at \$30. There is a good demand for Hongkong Land Investment shares; sales in them have been effected at \$170.50 to \$171, and they are still wanted. Kowloon Wharves have been entirely neglected, with sellers at \$36. There have been sales of Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats at \$36.50. There is a little enquiry for China Traders at \$59, with no business.

OPIMUM QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong, 27th August.

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Goods not cleared by the 2nd September will be subject to rent.

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